

JUDGE TUCKER RITES TODAY

Jurist Served 18 Years On The Supreme Bench

Funeral services for John Thomas Tucker, retired associate judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, will be held today at 11.30 A.M. at the University Baptist Church.

Judge Tucker, who was 75, died Sunday at Union Memorial Hospital after a heart attack at his home, 100 West Cold Spring lane.

Judge Tucker retired in 1961 at the mandatory age of 70 after having served 18 years on the bench.

Appointed By O'Connor

He was appointed to the bench in 1943 by Governor Herbert R. O'Connor.

At the time of Judge Tucker's retirement Gov. J. Millard Tawes said, "He served ... with great distinction and in the best tradition of the Maryland judiciary, gaining renown for his integrity, wisdom, judicial temperament and sound judicial knowledge."

Chief Judge Dulany Foster said yesterday, "We are all grieved to learn of the death of our former colleague who served on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city with great distinction and dignity."

Born on a farm near Centreville, Md., Judge Tucker attended St. John's College in Annapolis for two years. He then studied law at the University of Maryland and received his law degree in 1915.

Work Reviewed

For more than twenty years before his appointment to the bench he practiced law in Baltimore as a member of the firm of Carman, Tucker & Anderson.

During his tenure on the bench, he helped organize and develop the Patuxent Institute and the Maryland Correctional Institution.

Judge Tucker, a lean, dignified-looking man, gained a reputation among courtroom observers for fair decisions.

Since retiring he was chairman of the State Scholarship Board, chairman of the city's Board of Ethics, a board member of the Child Study Center, and the Over 60 Counsel and Employment Service.

Survivors Named

He was a member of the American, Maryland and Baltimore City Bar Associations and the Rotary Club of Baltimore and he was a past president of the Eastern Shore Society.

Judge Tucker is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Davis Tucker; a son, Asbury Davis Tucker, of Baltimore; a daughter, Mrs. Webster Blood, of Marblehead, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Ralph C. Bayard, of Centreville, and two grandchildren.



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